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SUBJ: RENEWED CONSULTATIONS ON CHRTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

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1. SALTER, THE EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, WAS INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL NOV. 15 AND HE IMMEDIATELY CONSULTED WITH COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (THEN MEETING TO DISCUSS THE EC POSITION ON THE CHARTER), AND BY TELEPHONE WITH CHOLLET IN PARIS. THE UPSHOT IS THE FOLLOWING: FRANCE, IN ITS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF EC INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS, INSISTS ON STICKING TO EC COORDINATION MEETING IN GENEVA MONDAY, AM, NOVEMBER 18. (OTHER MEMBER STATES GO ALONG WITH THIS.) SINCE EC EX-CONFIDENTIAL

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PERTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, IT SEEMS BEST

TO EC THAT GROUP B MEETING BE HELD IN GENEVA AFTER-NOON OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. THIS MEANS THAT COMMUNITY EXPERTS CANNOT REACH NEW YORK BY TUESDAY PM. THE ATTITUDE OF EC MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS IS (A) THAT THEIR NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVES YIELDED TOO EASILY TO PRESSURE FOR SUCH AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS; (B) THAT PERMANENT NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVES CAN ATTEND TUESDAY SESSION AND STALL, WITH EXPERTS THEREAFTER ARRIVING FOR SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION LATER IN THE WEEK.

2. THE COMMISSION HAS NOT YET REACHED GROUP B CO-ORDINATOR TEESE (WHO IS IN ROME FOR WFC) BUT IS TRYING TO PASS ITS VIEWS TO HIM.

3. SALTER AYS HE IS FLATTERED BY SUGGESTION HE ATTEND NEW YORK NEGOTIATIONS BUT SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF ANOTHER HIGHER-LEVEL COMMISSION OFFICIAL (APPARENTLY PHAN VAN PHI) GO.

4. SALTER SUGGESTS THAT IF DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISOR SCHWEBEL FEELS IT VITAL THAT GROUP B MEETING BE SWITCHED TO NEW YORK, HE CONTACT CHOLLET DIRECTLY. MYERSON

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